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APPROVED BY ARA/LA:WBOWDLER
S/S-O: P.SHANKLE
LA/APU:FORTIZ

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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AR, PINS, PFOR
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT
REF: TELECON AMBASSADOR-ORTIZ,,

1. IT OCCURS TO US THAT USEFUL LEVERAGE, IF NOT PRESSURE,
MIGHT BE APPLIED ON MONTONEROS TERRORIST GROUP APPARENTLY
HOLDING EGAN IF ACTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES WERE POSSIBLE:

A. SEEK TO GET DOCTOR WHO KNOWS EGAN'S HEART CONDITION
TO PUBLISH WARNING ABOUT HIS CONDITION INCLUDING
POSSIBLE DEATH IF HE IS NOT RELEASED OR GIVEN PROPER
MEDICAL TREATMENT PROMPTLY

B. MRS. EGAN MIGHT MAKE PUBLIC APPEAL ALONG SAME LINES,
FURTHER DAMAGING MONTONEROS' PUBLIC IMAGE. WE UNDER-
STAND THEY ARE SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION

C. CONSIDER HAVING FRIENDLY MEMBER OF CHURCH HIERARCHY
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MAKE APPEAL TO "CATHOLIC" MONTONEROS TO SHOW
CHRISTIAN CHARITY; PADRE STORNI (RECTOR OF CATHOLIC
U.) MIGHT BE GOOD INITIAL CONTACT IN THIS REGARD.

2. WE OF COURSE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMPLICATE GOA'S PRESENT
INITIATIVES TO SECURE EGAN'S RELEASE, BUT EMBASSY MIGHT
WISH DISCUSS ABOVE STRATEGEMS WITH GOA CONTACTS INVOLVED
IN RESCUE OPERATION. KISSINGER

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